

A NIGHT IN AN ELECTRIC CAR.

THE YOUNG MEN WHO WOULD NOT CHANGE FOR NEW YORK.

They Told the Conductor the Car Bore the Sign New York and to New York They'd Travel in It—Two Long Cold Trips and a Long Wait in the Car Barns.

Young men who know but the Ideal, instead of the real New York business men to run their heads up obstinately against the practices of the Conductor and Brooklyn Railroad Company the night before last. The five young men spent yesterday wondering whether it was better to catch cold for principle or to walk twenty steps. Frank H. Pierce, Robert Hanford, A. H. Lehane, Theodore Goetze and John Stopfer heard of the front board of the car bore a white back lettered sign "New York." Pierce, on the car first and the other four immediately afterward. The latter had attended a Y. M. C. A. athletic meeting. All had walked down for a long ride when the car door was slid violently back and the conductor said:

"Get out on the sidewalk. Change for New York. All changed!"

"This car's for New York. Please shut the door," said Mr. Pierce.

All the passengers got out except the five mentioned and two others, a woman and her escort.

"You want to go back to the car barns, I suppose," the conductor suggested politely. Mr. Pierce is a lawyer at 76 William street.

"We paid five cents for a continuous trip to New York," he insisted. "You've got to take us across unless prevented by an act of God or an act of a public enemy. You're a common carrier."

"They're replacing worn-out ties on the roadway, and if you call names I'll give you in charge for a disorderly," said the conductor. All seven of the passengers shook hands, exchanged names and shouted "common carrier" at the conductor. He slammed the door in a rage. Soon afterward the car started forward, rounded the top and proceeded back on its route to the Myrtle and DeKalb sheds. The journey was begun by a discussion as to how much they would severely sue the company and the women then said she was also a fortune teller. She offered to reveal the past, present and future for twenty-five cents. Bridget consented to purchase that much information.

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WHAT LORENZ ACCOMPLISHED. Some of His Cures Not Perfect, Dr. Shaffer Says—Lolita Armour's One of Them.

Dr. Newton M. Shaffer, professor of orthopedic surgery in the Cornell University Medical College, publishes in today's issue of *Charities*, an estimate of the results achieved by Prof. Lorenz during his visit to this country. The article is an endorsement of both the Lorenz method and the Vienna physician himself.

Dr. Shaffer speaks only in general terms, without giving figures. He lays especial stress on the indirect benefits to crippled children derived from the light thrown on their condition and their possible cure by Dr. Lorenz's work.

"The results obtained," says Dr. Shaffer, "show that of the patients operated on by Lorenz the usual and expected percentage of success followed. In no case has there been any bad result involving permanent injury to the limb. As far as known, all have been benefited, even in those instances of congenital dislocation of the hip where, as in the case of Lolita Armour, an absolutely perfect reposition was not obtained."

After reviewing the case of the Armour child and the first operation performed by Dr. John H. Dixon of Chicago according to the Lorenz method, with the result that the left hip was put in proper position while the right one remained, Dr. Shaffer says:

"Dr. Lorenz operated on the relaxed right hip. The result, I am told, is not a perfect reposition, although the limb is performing its function well. It seems probable that a defective socket or some other obstacle made a perfect recovery impossible."

Of the personality of the Vienna physician and some criticism directed against him, Dr. Shaffer has this to say: "Dr. Lorenz would be more than human if he did not feel, and even show, some emotion as the result of the universal praise bestowed upon him. The writer knows, however, that he does not seek prominence."

What may be regarded as the most important result of Dr. Lorenz's visit, Dr. Shaffer says in conclusion, is "the interest awakened among the public at large upon the subject of the care and treatment of crippled and deformed children. Through the press of the country, the visit of Lorenz has done more for the poor cripple than could be accomplished in a score of years by an organized body of interested workers."

ROUTE FOR MOVING PLATFORM. From the New Bridge Under the Bowery and Broad Street to the Battery.

Chief Engineer Parsons reported that the route for the proposed moving platform from the Williamsburg Bridge to the Battery had been determined upon. It is proposed to build it under Delancey street, crossing under North street and under Park row, Nassau and Broad streets to a loop at South street.

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The Great Double "House-Building" (October) Number of

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FORTUNE TELLING SWINDLER.

Bridget Bloomer Parts With a Gold Watch and Two Rings to a Woman Caller.

Bridget Bloomer, employed as a caretaker at 241 West Forty-fourth street, went to the West Forty-seventh street police station last night and told Sgt. Hovey that she had been "flim flammed."

She was alone in the house yesterday afternoon when a stylishly dressed woman rang the bell and announced to the caretaker that she was a manœuvre.

Bridget said she didn't need a manœuvre, and the woman then said she was also a fortune teller. She offered to reveal the past, present and future for twenty-five cents. Bridget consented to purchase that much information.

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GIFTS TO LATHER'S SERVANTS. Will Directs That His Body Be Published Within Three Years.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Under the will of Richard Lathers, who died on Sept. 17, filed in the Surrogate's office at White Plains to-day, a number of servants will receive presents. There are also several gifts to charity. The tax affidavit filed with the papers fixes the value of the estate at \$603,000.

John Condon, who was Mr. Lathers's superintendent for thirty-five years, will get \$1,000; Mary S. Johnston, a governess, \$500; the butler, cook and chambermaid are left \$200 each. Trinity Church of New Rochelle, of which Mr. Lathers was a warden for half a century, will receive \$1,000. The remainder of the estate goes to the widow, Abby P., and the six children, Agnes, Emma, Ida, Julia, Abby and Richard.

Mr. Lathers took an active interest in the South during the war, and in a codicil he directed his executors to publish within three years after his death his book, entitled, "Notes of Sixty Years in South Carolina, New York and Massachusetts."

CONVENTION OF MOTHERS. Committees Appointed to Carry on the Work of the Mothers' Clubs.

SYRACUSE, Oct. 29.—The convention of the New York State Assembly of Mothers closed to-night with a reception at the Vanderbilt House, to which members of the Chamber of Commerce, the faculty of Syracuse University and the clergy were invited. The committees to carry on the work of the mothers' clubs were appointed to-day. Intention was announced of working along lines of child study, kindergarten, moral training, nature study and temperance, and prominent club women were placed in charge of each department.

The morning session to-day was devoted to reports of various clubs, great progress having been made in membership and effective work. Prominent educators spoke at the afternoon session.

Condemned Man Revived by Telephone. PHOENIX, Ill., Oct. 29.—Gov. Yates yesterday granted long distance clemency when he called up Sheriff Potter over the telephone and ordered him to postpone the hanging of John McRae, the negro murderer. McRae was to have been put to death tomorrow for the killing of Detective William F. Murphy, but the Governor extended to him a lease of life until Nov. 27 in order that new evidence may be produced by the defense.

Tom Yen Acquitted. Tom Yen, one of the six Chinamen arrested in Brooklyn on a charge of abducting Marie Brennan and Lizzie Kane, was yesterday acquitted in the County Court.



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The report of the tests of the Jennings-Brown wire gun, which were held on Wednesday at the Sandy Hook proving ground, was made public yesterday. The gun was fired four times with different charges of powder, and the results were considered successful. With 138 pounds of 85 per cent. nitro-glycerine smokeless powder and a projectile weighing 575 pounds the gauges showed a pressure of 34,420 pounds to the square inch and a muzzle velocity of 2,370 feet a second. Two more pounds of powder with the same projectile produced a pressure of 36,700 pounds to the square inch and a muzzle velocity of 2,420 feet a second, while only 142 pounds of powder, which was 37,650 pounds to the square inch and a muzzle velocity of 2,400 feet a second.

The last test, made with 143 pounds of powder and a 575 pound projectile, gave a pressure of 37,600 pounds to the square inch and a muzzle velocity of 2,500 feet a second.

To See Burglar Proof Pay Cars. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 29.—Burglar-proof pay cars are to be put into service on the Pennsylvania Railroad system. The first will be turned out of the Pan Handle shops at Coalinga, Ohio, this week. The car is covered with steel sheeting, is bullet proof and is made absolutely strong to withstand attacks by robbers.

Postmaster Fined for Padding Stamp Reports.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 29.—W. H. Lowe, postmaster at Gossett, White county, has entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court to the charges of padding his cancellation stamp reports to increase his remuneration, and with using stamps for the purchase of merchandise for the same object. He was fined \$50 and costs on each charge, which he paid.

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Negro Espionist Judge's Plea Disregarded. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 29. A negro was taken from the jail at Baton Rouge, Miss., last night and brought to New Orleans. He was charged with espionage in the case of the late Attorney General. Judge Knowles, who is holding court at Baton Rouge, District Attorney McLaure and the sheriff attempted to dissuade the man from pleading. The negro was taken half a mile from the jail and hanged to a tree.